

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Humphris et al.

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.114**

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Sir:

This Reply responds to the Office Action dated June 9, 2008 and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time, fees and a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please charge deposit account 22-0493 with any deficiency in fees.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: